

August 9, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, August 16, 1999 - **11:30 a.m.**
MAG Office, Suite 300 - Mesquite Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. **PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING TIME HAS CHANGED.** If you have any questions, please contact me at 350-8865 or James M. Bourey, MAG Executive Director, at 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Approval of July 19, 1999 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve July 19, 1999 Executive Committee meeting minutes.
3. <u>Vision 2025 Update</u> Staff will provide an update on the current activities of the Valley Vision 2025 Project.	3. For information and discussion.
4. <u>Preliminary Planning for the Regional Council Retreat</u> The next Regional Council Retreat is being planned for January 2000. The Retreat is an opportunity for Regional Council members to	4. For information, discussion and possible action.

set the direction for MAG for the coming year. In addition, the Retreat provides for members to have a dialogue on regional issues that require more time than what is available at a regular Regional Council meeting. Initial planning for the Retreat has begun and suggestions for the location, time and topics to be discussed will be shared with the Executive Committee.

5. Proxy Policy for MAG Meetings

At the October 15, 1998 meeting of the Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee, the Chairman of the Subcommittee requested that the Executive Committee provide guidance on the proxy policy for participating in MAG meetings. The MAG Bylaws allow for Regional Council members to be represented by proxy. The practice at MAG for proxies has been for Regional Council members to be represented by an elected official from their community. At question is whether an elected official from another MAG member agency can serve as a proxy vote for another member agency. The Executive Committee requested that a document be written outlining what the proxy practice has been at MAG, proxy practices in other regions, and what is designated by Robert's Rules of Order. Based on population and location, 27 Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Councils of Government were selected to be surveyed. A report summarizing the findings of the survey is attached. Please refer to the enclosed material.

6. Freeway Median Barriers

At the Governor's request, the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has studied the most appropriate way to increase safety on freeways by reducing the likelihood of median crossover accidents. Based on information from this study, the Governor has requested the installation of cable median barriers. It is anticipated that MAG would need to approve funding to help construct these barriers. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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7. Apache Junction Request for Representation on MAG Boards

At the April 29, 1998 and May 14, 1998 Executive Committee meetings, the request by the City of Apache Junction for formal representation on MAG boards was discussed. The Executive Committee requested additional consideration on this matter at a future meeting. A portion of Apache Junction is in Maricopa County. Apache Junction is currently included in the MAG Transportation Improvement Program because it is part of the urbanized area. At the previous Executive Committee meetings, the Committee indicated an interest in pursuing a non-voting associate status. Staff has developed a proposal for consideration. Please refer to the enclosed material.

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